Extension to Liberhan Commission

2392. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since March, 1993 the Justice Liberhan Commission is probing the Babri Masjid demolition;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in order to complete the probe Government has granted further extension; and

(c) if so, what are other Commissions which took such long years to complete their reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has extended the period of the Commission upto 31st October, 2007.

(c) The constitution of a Commission is not limited to the Union of India but the State Governments also appoint Commissions to enquire into cases on various subjects, having different terms of reference etc. However, no such information is centrally maintained.

Import of arms and ammunitions against valid arms licence

2393. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of arms and ammunitions against valid arms licence is banned in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to allow the passengers to import arms and ammunitions without import licence at one time on producing the valid arms licence from the country of origin;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) As per the extant Import and Export policy, import of arms and ammunition is restricted except for renowned shooters. Licensed arms dealers are also permitted to import certain types of ammunition subject to such conditions as may be specified from time to time.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Do not arise.